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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005, please enter the amendments as shown on the attached pages.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2.

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submits herewith a Declaration by the inventor declaring that the instant soybean cultivar does not have the *Phytophthora* Rps 1k gene, whereas the soybean cultivar of the U.S. patent 6,103,957 has the *Phytophthora* Rps 1k gene. Therefore, the instant soybean cultivar is novel and nonobvious relative to the soybean cultivar of U.S. patent 6,103,957. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the claims satisfy the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§102(b), 103(a) and 112. Reconsideration of this application and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

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